(b) if so, the cost thereof;

(c) whether more express ways are also proposed to be laid there; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of the Port-Connectivity Programme, a four-lane link road is being developed. Cost of the civil works is Rs. 80 crores. The contract has been awarded and the project is scheduled to be completed by December, 2004.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Cancellation of Bisleri's Licence

*68. SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bisleri to get back licence in a week" appearing in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 20th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and details of the case relating to the cancellation of licence of Bisleri by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); and

(c) whether the experts from the BIS and other agencies would certify and undertake the quality of water of Bisleri plant before granting/renewing its licence and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) cancelled the Licence No. CM/L-8428381 for Packaged Drinking Water of M/s. Delhi Bisleri Company

Ltd. on 16-05-02 in view of violations of conditions of licence such as mislabelling. The Appellate Authority has set aside the order of BIS considering all facts and circumstances of the case. However, the Appellate Authority directed that keeping the consumer interest in view, a technical audit should be conducted jointly by BIS and the licensee and corrective measures taken to the satisfaction of BIS before renewal of licence.

(c) Experts from BIS visited the plant of Bisleri on 19th, 20th and 26th June, 2002 for a technical audit and verification of corrective measures taken. Samples taken from the plant were got tested from an approved laboratory and found in order. Licence was renewed subsequently by BIS on 27th June, 2002.

Purchase of IT Products

*69. SRHIMATI N. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Audit has objected to ad hoc purchase of Information Technology products and flouting of purchase of rules;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against those responsible for purchase favouring a single party despite inflated prices quoted by it which was much higher than DGS&D rates and market prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Local Audit Party of C&AG during Annual Inspection of the Accounts/Records of the Ministry for the year 2001-02 had sought certain clarifications which have already been provided to them.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.